

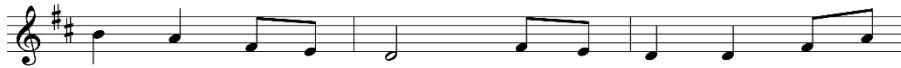


April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Order of Service – Morning Prayer II

God, We Praise You



1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we
2. True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who
3. Je - sus Christ, the king of glo - ry, Ev - er -
4. Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, You will



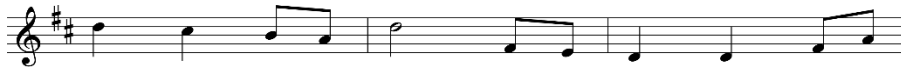
name you sov-'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels
set their world a - blaze, Mar - tyr, once un - known, un -
last - ing Son of God, Hum - ble was your vir - gin
judge the world you made; Lord, in mer - cy help your



wor - ship, Fa - ther, by your church a - dored: All cre -
heed - ed, Join one grow - ing song of praise, While your
moth - er, Hard the lone - ly path you trod: By your
ser - vants For whose free - dom you have paid: Raise us



a - tion shows your glo - ry, Heav'n and
church on earth con - fess - es One ma -
cross is sin de - feat - ed, Hell con -
up from dust to glo - ry, Guard us



earth draw near your throne, Sing - ing "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
front - ed face to face, Heav - en o - pened to be -
from all sin to - day; King en - throned a - bove all



ho - ly, Lord of hosts, and God a - lone!"
Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.
liev - ers, Sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.
prais - es, Save your peo - ple, God, we pray.

OPENING SENTENCE (BCP p. 75)

The Officiant says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 79)

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

The people standing

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE (BCP p. 80)

Officiant Lord, open our lips

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON (BCP p. 80)

Officiant: The Lord is risen indeed;

People: Come let us adore him.

INVITATORY – Pascha Nostrum (BCP p. 80)

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God

FIRST CANTICLE (BCP p. 85)

Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:19-25

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn: next page

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
 3. Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
 5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
 6. And so, through all the length of days Your



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 ran - somed soul he's lead - ing, And, where the ver - dant
 yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
 you, dear Lord, be - side me, Your rod and staff my
 sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And, oh, what trans - port
 good - ness fails me nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am his And he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - ing.
 gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
 of de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
 sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

Text: Psalm 23; Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877, alt.
 Tune: ST. COLUMBA, 8 7 8 7; Irish melody

THIRD READING: Matthew 16:21-28 REFLECTION

THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP p. 96) *Officiant and People together, all standing.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)

The people stand or kneel

<i>Officiant</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 97)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 97)

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

FIRST COLLECT (BCP p. 98)

Officiant: Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

SECOND COLLECT (BCP p. 98)

Officiant: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)

Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 101)

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM (BCP p. 102)

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires

and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

& BIRTHDAYS

CONCLUDING VERSICLE (BCP p. 102)

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

From riteplanning.com.

Copyright © 2026 Church Publishing Inc. All rights reserved

Page intentionally blank

The Birthday Prayer from The Book of Common Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) **N.**, **N.**, as *he/they* begin(s) another year. Grant that *he/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Copyrights and permissions

All music reprinted and streamed under license from Onelicense.net, license #A-724841. All other material from riteplanning.com.

All rights reserved. Copyright ©2026 Church Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.



Worship Aid

Scan either of these QR codes with your phone's camera to access today's worship aid or to contribute to the mission and ministry of St.

James.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Donations

